

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

Join us at 8:15 a.m. on January 3rd for the Sunday Before Theophany

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We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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Sunday, January 3, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Sunday before Epiphany
- ◇ Malachi the Prophet
- ◇ Gordios the Martyr of Caesarea
- ◇ Forefeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

It is the sole and peculiar property of the Substance that transcends all, to be able to bestow on men the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and make those that draw near unto It partakers of the divine nature.

But this exists in Christ, not as a thing received, nor by communication from another, but as His own, and as belonging to His substance, for He baptizes in the Holy Spirit.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Commentary on the Gospel of St. Luke, Homily 10., 4th Century

Narthex Duty:

Welcoming Ministry: NA during Covid

Orthros Reader: NA during Covid

Memorial:

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Forerunner, who was some six months older than Our Saviour according to the flesh, and had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Saviour also came from Galilee to the Jordan, and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvellous deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:1-22). From these events the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great mystery of the Trinity were demonstrated. It is also from this that the present feast is called "Theophany," that is, the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.

January

7: Synaxis of the Forerunner	18: St. Athanasios
21: St. Maximos the Confessor	25: St. Gregory the Theologian

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Plagal of the 1st Tone

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who was begotten of the Virgin for our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise and worship Him; for He consented to ascend the cross in the flesh and to endure death. Thus He raised the dead unto life through His all glorious resurrection

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος πλ. α΄

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτ' ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Apolytikion for Forefeast of the Theophany

4th Tone

Be thou ready, Zabulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthalim. River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now to clothe you in the first robe again. Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος δ΄

Ετοιμάζου Ζαβουλὼν, καὶ εὐτρεπίζου Νεφθαλεὶμ. Ἰορδάνη ποταμέ, στήθι ὑπόδεξαι σκιρτῶν, τοῦ βαπτισθῆναι ἐρχόμενον τὸν Δεσπότην. Ἀγάλλου ὁ Ἀδὰμ σὺν τῇ Προμήτορι, μὴ κρύπτετε ἑαυτοὺς, ὥς ἐν Παραδείσῳ τὸ πρὶν, καὶ γὰρ γυμνοὺς ἰδὼν ὑμᾶς ἐπέφανεν, ἵνα ἐνδύσῃ τὴν πρώτην στολὴν, Χριστὸς ἐφάνη, τὴν πᾶσαν κτίσιν, θέλων ἀνακαινίσαι.

Apolytikion for the Church

1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α΄

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὥς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

4th Tone

In the running waters of the Jordan River, on this day the Lord of all crieth to John: Be not afraid and hesitate not to baptize Me, for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος δ΄

Ἐν τοῖς ρείθροις σήμερον τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, γεγονῶς ὁ Κύριος, τῷ Ἰωάννῃ ἐκβοᾷ. Μὴ δειλιάσης βαπτίσει με, σῶσαι γὰρ ἤκω, Ἀδὰμ τὸν πρωτόπλαστον.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 4:5-8 τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα

The reading is from St. Paul's Second
Letter to Timothy 4:5-8

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, νῆφε ἐν παῖσιν,
κακοπάθησον, ἔργον ποίησον
εὐαγγελιστοῦ, τὴν διακονίαν σου
πληροφόρησον. Ἐγὼ γὰρ ἤδη
σπένδομαι, καὶ ὁ καιρὸς τῆς ἐμῆς
ἀναλύσεως ἐφέστηκεν. Τὸν ἀγῶνα τὸν
καλὸν ἠγώνισμαι, τὸν δρόμον τετέλεκα,
τὴν πίστιν τετήρηκα· λοιπὸν, ἀπόκειται
μοι ὁ τῆς δικαιοσύνης στέφανος, ὃν
ἀποδώσει μοι ὁ κύριος ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ
ἡμέρᾳ, ὁ δίκαιος κριτής· οὐ μόνον δὲ
ἐμοί, ἀλλὰ καὶ πάσιν τοῖς ἠγαπηκόσιν
τὴν ἐπιφάνειαν αὐτοῦ

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady,
endure suffering, do the work of an
evangelist, fulfil your ministry.
For I am already on the point of being
sacrificed; the time of my departure has
come. I have fought the good fight, I
have finished the race, I have kept the
faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me
the crown of righteousness, which the
Lord, the righteous judge, will award to
me on that Day, and not only to me but
also to all who have loved his
appearing.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 1:1-8 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ
Ἀνάγνωσμα

The Gospel According to
Mark 1:1-8

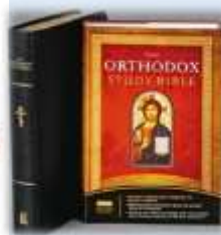
Ἀρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ,
υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ὡς γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς
προφήταις, ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὸν
ἄγγελόν μου πρὸ προσώπου σου, ὃς
κατασκευάσει τὴν ὁδὸν σου ἔμπροσθέν
σου· φωνὴ βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ,
ἐτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν Κυρίου, εὐθείας
ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ, ἐγένετο
Ἰωάννης βαπτίζων ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ καὶ
κηρύσσων βάπτισμα μετανοίας εἰς
ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ ἐξεπορεύετο
πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία χώρα καὶ οἱ
Ἱεροσολυμίται, καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο πάντες
ἐν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ ποταμῷ ὑπ' αὐτοῦ
ἐξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν.
Ἦν δὲ ὁ Ἰωάννης ἐνδεδυμένος τρίχας
καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην περὶ τὴν
ὀσφὺν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐσθίων ἀκρίδας καὶ
μέλι ἄγριον. Καὶ ἐκήρυσσε λέγων·
ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός μου ὀπίσω μου,
οὗ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἱκανὸς κύψας λῦσαι τὸν
ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ· ἐγὼ μὲν
ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ἐν ὕδατι, αὐτὸς δὲ
βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God. As it is written in the
prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before
your face, who shall prepare your way; the
voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare
the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'
John was baptizing in the wilderness,
preaching a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him
all the country of Judea, and all the people of
Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in
the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now
John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a
leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts
and wild honey. And he preached, saying,
"After me comes he who is mightier than I, the
thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to
stoop down and untie. I have baptized you
with water; but he will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit."

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



St. Basil
Greek Orthodox Church
of Chicago, Illinois



When: Tuesday Mornings –
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Where: ONLINE VIA

Bible Study
Covid-19
Fall: Acts of
the Apostles



Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask questions in the comments

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



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November 11 - April 14

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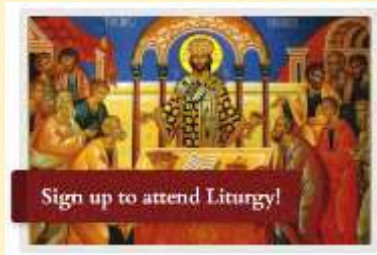
Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Classroom

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Meeting ID: 979 0129 7537

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To Sign Up to attend Divine Services

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If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

Theophany Liturgical Schedule



Tuesday, January 5

Royal Hours of Theophany

Hours 8:30 a.m.

Eve of Theophany with Blessing of Waters

Vespers Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 6

Theophany with Blessing of Waters

Orthros 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.

Calendar for the Week Ahead

- Sunday, January 3, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Monday, January 4, 7:00pm - Parish Council
- Tuesday, January 5, 7:30am - Royal Hours of Theophany
- Tuesday, January 5, 8:30am - Vespertal Liturgy of the Eve of Theophany
- Wednesday, January 6, 8:00am - Orthros & Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters of Theophany
- Wednesday, January 6, 7:00pm - Great Vespers of the Synaxis of the Forerunner
- Thursday, January 7, 6:30am - Divine Liturgy of the Synaxis of the Forerunner
- Saturday, January 9, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, January 10, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Parish News and Events

We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2020?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

IMPORTANT: Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table inside the Church at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Do not take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Ste- phen, Archdeacon and Martyr	28	29 10:00 am Girls Ministry to Bake Vasilopita Bible Study	30 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Paraklesis Online A.R.E. Class	31 7:00 pm New Year's Eve Hierarchal Great Vespers of the Cir- cumcision and St. Basil the Great	1 8:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri New Year's Day Hierarchical Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision and St. Basil the Great	2 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
3 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	4 7:00 pm Parish Council	5 7:30 am 8:30 am Royal Hours of The- ophany Vespersal Liturgy of the Eve of Theophany	6 8:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters of Theophany Great Vespers of the Synaxis of the Fore- runner	7 6:30 am Divine Liturgy of the Synaxis of the Fore- runner	8 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	9 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
10 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	11	12	13 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Paraklesis Online A.R.E. Class	14	15 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	16 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
17 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School 7:00 pm Great Vespers of St. Athanasios 7:00 pm Great Vespers for Ss. Athanasios and Cyril (at Aurora parish)	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Divine Liturgy for St. Athanasios	19 10:00 am Bible Study	20 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Paraklesis Online A.R.E. Class	21 6:30 am Divine Liturgy for St. Maximos the Confes- sor	22 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	23 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
24 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	25 6:30 am Divine Liturgy for St. Gregory the Theologi- an	26 10:00 am Bible Study	27 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Paraklesis Online A.R.E. Class	28	29 7:00 pm Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Great Vespers for Three Hierarchs at Ss. Constantine & Helen in Palos Hills, IL	30 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
31 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School						

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil
21 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged
\$41,090.00

Dollar Amount Collected
\$3,480.00

Average Pledge
TBD after 50 pledges

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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